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TEN YEARS AGO.

The approaching peace negotiations between Russia and Japan will be different in some essential particulars from those between China and Japan ten years ago. Nevertheless, it will be of interest, at least by way of contrast if not of comparison, to recall some of the features of those former negotiations and the relation in point of time between the peacemaking and the establishment of an armistice.

returned Li, "I ask for reduction." "No," was Ito's last word. Then Li complained that 5 per cent interest was to be charged, whereas on a former occasion England and France had charged no interest, save on installments overdue.

RECOGNITION OF NORWAY. Norwegians are expressing some surprise, and disappointment because the American government has not yet formally recognized the new status of their kingdom. That they should desire such recognition is natural, but that they have any ground for complaint against this country, or that this government has shown any improper delay in the matter, is not to be admitted.

Without, however, standing upon such a technicality, the American government might without offense postpone recognition of a new status in a European country until some European powers had recognized it. This government is not given to precipitancy in such matters.

Again, this government would be justified in waiting until Norway had perfected the organization of her new government. At present it is not entirely certain whether there is to be a kingdom or a republic. If, as seems the more likely, there is to be a kingdom, there is no indication who the new king is to be.

The usual procedure, moreover, is for a new government to send accredited envoys to seek recognition in a formal manner. We are not aware that Norway has yet done so. If she has not, she surely can not complain because she has not received that for which she has not asked.

There can be no question of America's entirely cordial feeling, both popular and official, toward Norway, and equally toward Sweden. This country takes no part in the controversy between those kingdoms. It wished them well while they were under one king. If now they are to be under separate kings, it will continue to wish them well, and it will give the new state of affairs due recognition at the proper time, at the discretion of the President.

ANOTHER KIND OF BUST.

"Scotty," the lively and picturesque miner from Death Valley, it was reported last evening, may have a portrait bust of himself executed in pure gold taken from his mines. To indulge in this artistic fancy it will be necessary for him "to loosen up" to the extent of \$50,000 to \$80,000 for the gold alone.

The sculptor who will execute the statue will be Frederick E. Triebel, a member of the National Sculpture Society. "Scotty's" head appeals to the sculptor as full of character, signifying luck, intelligence and determination. It is said this will be the only gold portrait bust in the world.

If "Scotty" should ever be down on his luck he would not have to be "grub-staked" but could melt his own graven image. This might, therefore, be considered a sort of sinking fund, regardless of its artistic merit, his friends say.

Mr. Triebel has executed portrait busts of Thomas T. Eckert, of the board of directors of the Western Union; General John A. Logan, and Lydia Bradley, who gave \$4,000,000 to the Polytechnic Institute at Peoria, Ill. He has also executed the Otto Pastor monument at St. Petersburg, Russia; the statue "Mysterious Music" in the Museum of Tokio, Japan; the Soldiers and Sailors' monument, at Peoria, Ill., dedicated by President McKinley, in 1899, and the Iowa State Monument on the battlefield of Shiloh.

FLORIDA'S EXTENT.

The Everglade State is Larger Than Most Folks Imagine. But few people have any conception of Florida's extent. Jacksonville is about as far north of Miami as she is south of Charlotte, N. C.; about as far north of Key West as she is south of Danville, Va. Ignorance of the extent of Florida leads to many amusing mistakes. We sometimes hear the railroads of the state charged with making poor time. Why, it takes over twenty-four hours to go from Pensacola to Miami. The man who makes this remark would think he was traveling on a flier if he made the trip from Pensacola to Chicago in the same length of time it would take him to go to Miami. But there is very little difference in the distance. A land trip from one end of Florida to the other is as long as from the lakes to the gulf. A citizen of Maine who makes up his mind to come south may get on the cars and pass through Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia and far into Virginia. When he has done this he has taken no longer ride than he could have taken by an equally direct line from one Florida town to another, and there are some men green enough to think they are making poor time when they find it takes them longer to go from Pensacola to Miami than from the eastern to the western side of Maine. Of course the old stagers do not make these amusing mistakes. They have a pretty clear conception of the geography of Florida. There are many, however, who come on their first visit with very hazy ideas of the state.—Florida Times-Union.

CHATEAUBRIAND IN LONDON

A Picture of the English Capital of a Century Ago.

"All the English are mad by nature or by fashion," Chateaubriand writes nonchalantly in the book of his embassy in London (1821), but he had a very gay time with the same lunatics. We hear of dinners, Almack's and le beau monde. "The day was thus distributed in London: At 6 o'clock in the morning one hastened to a party of pleasure, consisting of a breakfast in the country; one returned to lunch in London; one changed one's dress to walk in Bond street or Hyde park; one dressed again to dine at 7:30; one dressed again for the opera; at midnight one dressed once more for an evening party or rout. What a life of enchantments! I should a hundred times have preferred the galleys." One smiles and reads on. He found London full of recollections of Bonaparte. "The people had passed from the veneration of 'Nick' to a stupid enthusiasm. His colossal bust by Canova decorated the Duke of Wellington's staircase."

At an evening party at Lord Londonderry's, the English premier, "I was presented by his majesty to a severe looking lady seventy-three years old. She was dressed in crape, wore a black veil like a diadem on her white hair and resembled a queen who had abdicated her throne. She greeted me in a solemn voice with three mangled sentences from the 'Genie du Christianisme'; then she said to me, with no less solemnity, 'I am Mrs. Siddons.' If she had said to me, 'I am Lady Macbeth,' I should have believed her."—John J. A'Becket in Catholic Quarterly Review.

Charity of Former Kings.

Henry II. sought peace for his soul after the murder of Becket by feeding and sustaining 10,000 people daily, a proceeding that must have made many a man rejoice in the fall of the "proud prelate." Quaintest of all, though, was the charity of Henry III., who commanded that "in the great hall at Windsor, at a good fire, all the poor and needy children that could be found were to be fed, according to the weight and measure of the king's children." a queer variant of the more modern system of distributing the Maundy money. It is to be feared that nowadays, says the London Chronicle, the amount of food equivalent to "the weight and measure of the king's children" would not go far in relieving "all the poor and needy children that could be found."

Time and Books.

The economy of saving time is wise, but there is an economy of spending time. In reading, especially, hurry is most wasteful. Reading is the making of thoughts, of ideas, of pictures in the brain. All young photographers know how little is to be made out of an "underexposed plate," but do they understand that there may be such a thing as an underexposed brain? It takes time to make impressions on the mind. If you read too fast, either aloud or to yourself, or skim over your reading, the mind receives poor impressions or none at all.—St. Nicholas.

Forced to Starve.

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